

General Discussion: January 5, 2016

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Keith Heck, Cheryl Walker, and Simon G. Hare; Linda McElmurry, Recorder

Chair Keith Heck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Walker Ballot Proposal

Commissioner Walker brought a ballot proposal back to the Board saying it must be ready by February 26th and asked if the Board was interested in proceeding. She said she would work with Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, to arrive at benchmarks and then each department to ascertain their needs and approval. Measure language would ensure that all money raised would be used only for what was voted on. Commissioner Hare asked what length of time the taxes would be levied. Commissioner Walker felt that could vary depending on the agency. Commissioner Hare noted the jail bond would not be fully paid until June 30, 2018 which was 15.2 cents per thousand. A discussion ensued regarding what would happen to these programs without new funding and the Board decided to further investigate and develop the proposal. The Board also agreed to put an advisory question on the ballot asking if the citizens want the Board to exercise SB 3453 in which the state takes over criminal justice as a state of emergency. Individual Counties would be liable to repay to the State 50% of the funding given to the County. Commissioner Walker will work with departments for the levy numbers and Wally Hicks, Legal Counsel will work on the advisory question to bring back to the Board by mid-February.

2. CJ Fencing

Commissioner Walker asked the Board if they were interested in fencing the back of the Cave Junction building at a cost of \$7,000-8,000. The Board agreed they should wait until summer and re-evaluate. The Board also agreed that Commissioner Hare should ask Kate Lasky if they were having problems at the Cave Junction Library.

3. Budget Committee Appointments.

Staff advised there is an opening on the Budget Committee and asked the Board if it could be opened for advertisement. The Board directed staff to advertise.

4. Other (ORS 192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

Commissioner Heck suggested the Board discuss who would be Chair and Vice Chair for 2016. Commissioner Hare said he would not be available for 30 days while involved with medical treatment and suggested Commissioner Walker serve as Chair and Commissioner Heck as Vice Chair. He added that he would be attending an O&C meeting Thursday and Friday and relayed he had set up transportation to the meeting with a Commissioner from another county who was also attending.

Commissioner Heck said he attended the Manager's meeting on Monday where managers expressed concern about the liaison situation and suggested Commissioner Hare's liaison assignments be suspended for the next 90 days. Commissioner Hare asked to hold off on the decision until the end of the week so he can discuss issues with the Managers and the Board agreed.

Staff was directed to alternate the on call duties between Commissioners Walker and Heck until April 1, 2016.

Commissioner Heck asked Wally Hicks, Legal Counsel about the legal implications regarding representation of Josephine County. Commissioner Hare interrupted saying if they were speaking in generalities he was ok with the conversation but if they were going to get specific he felt it should be in Executive Session. Wally agreed that liability and advice from Counsel is Executive Session material. He agreed to write a confidential memo to the Board advising of liability and noted the other issue still out there was the matter of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC).

The Board agreed to sign a Resolution opposing the Crater Lake Wilderness Expansion at next week's Weekly Business Session.

The Board agreed to add the disallowance of campaigning for public office to the meeting rules at the bottom of the WBS agenda.

Commissioner Hare gave talking points to Commissioner Walker to assist with the State of the County Address. He updated the Board on what he hoped the proposed O&C litigation would look like. The Board discussed costs and alternatives.

Commissioner Walker discussed the meeting at the IV Airport she attended saying Erickson Airplane pulled out; they wanted to lease space at the airport and give the County a helipad but didn't feel welcome in the community which she felt was a huge blow to the economic development of the airport.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.